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FOLLOWING FROM AMCONGEN ALEXANDRIA

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SUBJ: ALEXANDRIA PORT CONGESTION

REF: CAIRO 9436, STATE 269128

1. TORRENTIAL RAINS, WITH SEVERE FLOODING OF KEY HIGHWAY UNDERPASSES, SEVERAL MAIN ROAD JUNCTIONS AND OTHER LOW-LYING AREAS, HAVE FURTHER COMPLICATED ALEXANDRIA PORT CONGESTION PROBLEM (REFTELS). COMMENCING DECEMBER 2, 5-DAY TEMPEST, CALLED MOST SEVERE IN 50 YEARS BROUGHT LONGSHORE WORK TO VIRTUAL HALT.

2. FLOODING AND IMPASSABLE MUDHOES, CONDITON OF UNPAVED ROADS INTO MAY STORAGE AREAS ALSO BROUGHT HALT TO CONTINUING EFFORTS TO CLEAR DOCKS OF CARGO ALREADY UNLOADED.

3. ONE-DAY RESPITE DECEMBER 7 SAW UNLOADING DOCKED VESSELS RESUMED, BUT RENEWED DOUNPOURS DECEMBER 8 HALTED WORK AGAIN. AS OF DECEMBER 9, ALEXANDRIA SKIES ARE OVERCAST, BUT RAIN IS HOLDING OFF. FORTY-SIX SHIPS ARE UNCLASSIFIED

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PRESENTLY ALONGSIDE FOR OFF-LOADING, ANOTHER 10 TO 15 MOORED

IN INNER HARBOR AWAITING DOCK SPACE AND ABOUT 50 AT ANCHOR
OUTSIDE.

4. GOVERNOR OF ALEXANDRIA HAS ASSURED CONGEN THAT
USG SHIPMENT OF PL 480 COMMODITIES WILL NOT BE
AFFECTED BY THE BOAT CONGESTION AS THEY WILL BE HANDLED ON
A PREFERENTIAL BASIS. SIGNED CHASE.
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